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things, that Tiruchirappalli district has no Government Farm and that one of the Fruit Farms opened in Dharmapuri and Periyakulam could be easily shifted to Tiruchirappalli district, where large areas are under different types of mango and plantain.

(c) The Government examined this suggestion. There is no Government Fruit Farm in Dharmapuri. The model orchard-*cum*-nurseries in the Salem and Madurai districts are located respectively at Thimmapuram and Periyakulam. As the lands required for the centres had already been acquired and plantings completed, the Government considered that the suggestion to transfer one of these centres to Tiruchirappalli district was not feasible."

Irrigation tank for Koopuliyankottai.

* 1364 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any petitions recently from the agriculturists of Koopuliyankottai village in Malanjoor Vattam of Alangudi taluk, Tiruchirappalli district regarding the laying out of an irrigation tank for wet cultivation; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise."

Development of Coir Industry in Malabar.

* 1365 Q.—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any scheme for the development of Coir Industry in Malabar; and

(b) if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) A scheme for the development and organization of Coir Industry in Malabar district on a co-operative basis has been formulated by the State Coir Advisory Board. The details of the scheme are being examined by the Director of Industries and Commerce in consultation with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. Another scheme for starting a Coir training centre to give training in improved methods of Coir Industry is also under the consideration of the Director of Industries and Commerce."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the collapsing condition of the coir industry, will the Government see that it is exempted from the payment of sales tax, as is done in the Travancore-Cochin State? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the question may be addressed to the proper quarters."

Rural housing schemes.

* 1366 *Q*.—SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount actually spent on rural housing schemes during the year 1953–54 ; and

(*b*) the number of rural housing schemes taken up and executed in South Arcot district during the budget year 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Rs. 41,100.

" (*b*) Three Rural Co-operative Housing Societies in South Arcot district took up the execution of rural housing schemes. One society sanctioned a loan to one of its members and two others have applied to the Director, Town-Planning, for approval of their layout plan."

Handloom Cess Fund.

* 1367 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any dyeing factories were established out of the Handloom Cess Fund ; and

(*b*) if so, the number of such factories and the places where they are located?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Proposals of the Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society for setting up of dyeing factories are under the scrutiny of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies."

Unhealthy localities in Malabar district.

9-30 a.m. * 1368 *Q*.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the places in Malabar declared as unhealthy areas for the purpose of granting unhealthy localities allowance to Non-Gazetted Officers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The following is the list of places declared as unhealthy in the Malabar district :—

(1) The Wynaad (including the Colonization area).

(2) Dhoni in Chenat Nayar Forest.

(3) Attapadi Valley.

(4) Mangalam Irrigation Reservoir Project Area."

Export of jaggery.

* 1369 *Q*.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quota allotted to this State for the export of cane jaggery during the first quarter of 1955; and